

APPEAL NO. 120123  
FILED MARCH 21, 2012

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing (CCH) was held on December 21, 2011, in [City], Texas, with [hearing officer] presiding as hearing officer. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues by deciding that: (1) the compensable injury of [date of injury], does not extend to the diagnosis of severe osteoarthritis of the right knee; (2) the appellant (claimant) reached maximum medical improvement (MMI) on March 1, 2011; and (3) the impairment rating (IR) is two percent.

The claimant appealed, disputing the hearing officer's determinations of extent of injury, MMI, and IR. The respondent (carrier) responded, urging affirmance of the disputed determinations.

DECISION

Reversed and remanded for reconstruction of the record.

Section 410.203(a)(1) requires the Appeals Panel to consider the record developed at the CCH. The appeal file in this case contains one compact disc (CD). However, the CD in the appeal file is completely blank. The file indicates that there was no court reporter and the file does not contain a transcript, or tape recording of the CCH proceeding. Consequently, we reverse and remand this case to the hearing officer for reconstruction of the CCH record. See Appeals Panel Decision (APD) 060353, decided April 12, 2006.

Pending resolution of the remand, a final decision has not been made in this case. However, since reversal and remand necessitate the issuance of a new decision and order by the hearing officer, a party who wishes to appeal from such new decision must file a request for review not later than 15 days after the date on which such new decision is received from the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, pursuant to Section 410.202 which was amended June 17, 2001, to exclude Saturdays and Sundays and holidays listed in Section 662.003 of the Texas Government Code in the computation of the 15-day appeal and response periods. See APD 060721, decided June 12, 2006.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **NEW HAMPSHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY  
211 EAST 7TH STREET, SUITE 620  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701-3218.**

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Margaret L. Turner  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Cynthia A. Brown  
Appeals Judge

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Thomas A. Knapp  
Appeals Judge